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## Stained glass stirs artist's passion

### Church windows restored

By Suzanne Sproul

Judy McWright always liked stained glass work but it never really captured her fancy until about three years ago when suddenly her fascination with it took hold.

A mother of her son Jeremy's friend helped show her how to turn glass and lead into colorful works that not only reflect light but show an interest in detail.

And although she's come a long way in just three years, McWright said nothing prepared her for the challenge of helping restore windows for Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Ontario.

"The medium is different than any other artwork. It's either tedious to some or you love it. I just fell into it and now I really love it," McWright said. "Helping restore the windows was and still is quite a job."

The windows came from a destroyed Catholic church and were donated to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The only major problem with the 80-year-old windows was that some of them were literally handed over to McWright in pieces. Then her work began.

"Originally there were 25 windows. I've done 14 of them and they've been a lot of work,"

she said while carefully unwrapping two of them in a crate in her backyard. "We've turned them into free-hanging pieces in front of the windows. They really don't look like much when they're just laying there but something magical happens when light hits them."

McWright said she tried to use as many of the original church window pieces as possible, some 82-inches in length, but in some cases she had to re-design them and substitute modern glass.

"I work in lead and enamel and it can be difficult. With the window project I tried to blend a bit of old and new and not ruin the original look. This has been a very interesting project, particularly since I'm not a Catholic. I've learned a lot," she said.

Zane Fleming, who owns some of her work, said he thoroughly enjoys her art.

"I just think she has a unique touch. And I've seen what she has done with the church windows. I was raised a Catholic and she has done a beautiful job with all the glass shards she had. There is a true sense of beauty in her work," Fleming said.

But despite her enjoyment of the present project, the Rancho



Photo by Eric Vilchis

Judy McWright, Rancho Cucamonga stained glass artist, with a favorite personal piece of work.

Cucamonga artist's "passion" is to design and create stained glass works depicting fantasy scenes, particularly of King Arthur and Camelot.

"I love the fantasy pieces,"

she said, pointing to one of her works featuring King Arthur's evil sister Morgan La Fey and the mighty sword Excalibur.

"That piece has been on display at the Crystal Cave in

Claremont for months and she finally came home. Now listen to that. I call the piece 'she' as if it's a real person, but I really missed her and am glad she's home."

## Old Pasadena house finds home in Alta Loma

By Lee Peterson

It could be the most difficult transplant operation Dr. Gerald Pally will ever perform.

Plucked from downtown Pasadena, the four not-so-easy pieces of Pally's house last week completed an arduous trek to the northern fringes of Alta Loma.

Pally, a Kaiser Fontana emergency room physician, bought the 70-year-old house to save it from demolition and shopped real estate far and wide

before he found the Alta Loma lot.

"The house will never see another Rose Parade, so I had to put it somewhere suitable," Pally said.

Work crews have begun stitching together the travel-worn slices of house that sit in a jumble in a development of custom homes at the top of Beryl Street.

House movers worked late at night and into the early hours of the morning to bring the Pally house, two sections at a time, to

Rancho Cucamonga.

Physically moving the house is only the beginning for Pally, who still has three to six months of renovation work to restore it to its original condition.

The house shows the signs of travel trauma — disheveled shingles, sagging eaves, etc. Pally said this appearance is temporary until he and the subcontractors can complete the restoration.

Pally has long been an historical home buff; in Altadena, he became a founding

member of the local historical society.

The doctor found this particular house at Orange Grove and Del Mar boulevards through a Pasadena department that reviews requests for demolition of older structures.

Pally and his wife took one drive by the one-story white stucco 1919 house and decided to rescue it from the oncoming path of a luxury condominium project.

Moving the house has been an education for the Pallys.

"I think it's a fascinating and very unique thing to be doing," Pally said.

The middle-of-the-night runs from Pasadena to Alta Loma take eight to 10 hours. By freeway, the trip would be 42 miles but the movers are required to stick to a surface-street route about 55 miles long.

"We never had the foggiest notion that we would be doing this," Pally said. "It's not something that very many people should do, or should want to do."



## Fund-raiser marks opening of new office building

The opening of Independence Corporation Center II in Rancho Cucamonga recently was marked by a gala fund-raising event hosted by Arical Properties, Inc.,

developer of the new three-story office building.

Organized by the Arts Foundation of San Bernardino County and sponsored by Arical

Properties, Inc., more than 350 guests attended the Bal Masque Pour Les Arts" black-tie event which raised approximately \$30,000 for the Arts Foundation.

## CALENDAR

### Seniors' dance

The Colony Park senior citizens' dance is conducted every Tuesday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at 1240 W. Fourth St., Ontario. The public is invited.

### Breast cancer

A group of women who have had surgery for breast cancer meet monthly at San Antonio Community Hospital to share special needs and concerns as mastectomy patients.

Speakers also provide programs on a variety of topics of interest for women who have had breast cancer. Regular meetings take place on the third Wednesday of each month from 10 to 11:30 a.m. For information, call 985-2811 extension 2025.

### Caregivers

Family caregivers who are caring for an infirmed relative now have the opportunity to join with other community residents to receive support in the family caregiving responsibility.

For information, call 985-2811, extension 2025.

### OASR program

The Organization for After Stroke Resocialization (OASR) meets Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Salvation Army Center, 1412 S. Euclid Ave., Ontario.

All those recovering from strokes are invited to participate in a variety of programs. Lunches are provided from the Senior Center for \$1.50. For information, call 985-6516 or 982-2878.

### Singletons

An adult social group for people 45 and older called Singletons was founded in 1968. The group publishes a local newsletter. For information, call 983-6166 or 626-5187.

### Co-dependents

Co-Dependents Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women whose common problem is an inability to maintain functional relationships.

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A workshop for Medicare recipients on long-term health care will be offered in Montclair by the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program.

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## BRIEFS

## MS bike ride

Janis Dietz of Upland suffers from multiple sclerosis but she's never let that stop her from enjoying life, particularly bike riding, a real favorite of hers.

Dietz and her husband again will take on the Southern California Chapter's annual ride from Claremont to Murrieta April 8-9.

If you'd like to make the trip or volunteer in some way, call 824-0563 or (818) 247-1175.

## MDA bowl

Many teams have registered, and sign-ups still are being taken, for the first-ever San Bernardino Bankers Challenge Cup to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), scheduled for Saturday at Brunswick Deer Creek Lanes in Rancho Cucamonga.

The San Bernardino Bankers Challenge Cup is a friendly but fierce competitive bowling tournament among the largest and smallest financial institutions in San Bernardino County. For more information, call 825-6340.

## News group

Latino journalists from throughout Riverside and San Bernardino counties have formed the Inland Chapter of the California Chicano News Media Association.

The chapter was organized in January as a non-profit, educational group to encourage Latinos interested in pursuing journalism careers. Full membership is open to full-time journalists and others employed in the gathering and presentation of news. Associate memberships are available for people who support CCNMA's goals. Full and associate membership dues are \$35 a year and student memberships are available for \$10 a year.

For information, call 369-0745, 684-1200 extension 2828.

## Book awards

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